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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit money.

**Dustin J. Young**, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to one year and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 5, 2004, **Young** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to possess electronic images for counterfeit currency and to deal in counterfeit currency, as well as to possessing electronic images for counterfeit currency, and to dealing in counterfeit currency. **Young** was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 9, 2004.

By pleading guilty, **Young** admitted that, from August 2003 to Feb. 12, 2004, he participated in a conspiracy to use a Hewlett-Packard computer and scanner/copier to make digital images of genuine \$20 bills, then produce and print digital copies of those bills. **Young** used the scanner/copier to manufacture at least \$5,280 worth of counterfeit money, Graves said.

Two defendants have also been sentenced in separate but related cases.

On Aug. 25, 2004, **Robert E. Williams**, 31, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., was sentenced to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. On April 8, 2004, **Williams** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in making counterfeit currency with intent to defraud between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004.

On Aug. 12, 2004, **Shannon M. Rudder**, 25, of Gladstone, Mo., was sentenced to two years in federal prison without parole. On April 14, 2004, **Rudder** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in making counterfeit currency with intent to defraud between Feb. 10 and 12,

2004.

**Williams** and **Rudder** were originally charged along with **Young** in a federal criminal complaint filed on Feb. 13, 2004. They both waived their right to indictment, admitting that they met with **Young** at a hotel room in Independence, Mo., between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004. A Hewlett-Packard combination scanner/printer was in the hotel room, Graves said, and was used to scan genuine \$20 bills then print counterfeits. **Williams** admitted that he assisted the others by concealing the counterfeiting operation from detection by law enforcement and by passing some of the counterfeit money at a Wal-Mart store in Richmond, Mo. **Rudder** admitted that he operated the scanner/printer and passed some of the counterfeit money at the Wal-Mart store.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, the Richmond, Mo., Police Department and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

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